

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be re-examined.

The February 9, 2005, Office Action in the above-identified application requested that U.S. Patent No. 6,096,095 be identified in the specification. This amendment makes the requested amendment to the specification. In addition, enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement making of record all of the references cited in the patent that have not already been cited.

The February 9, 2005, Office Action also rejected all of the claims on the grounds of double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,096,095. In addition, various claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 35 U.S.C. § 102, and 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 28-48 were indicated to be allowable, subject to the submission of a terminal disclaimer obviating the double patenting rejection.

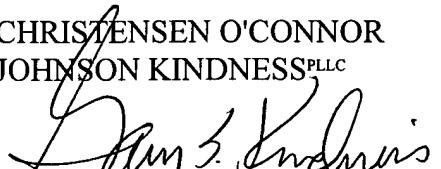
This amendment cancels Claims 1-27 and 49-65 without prejudice to applicant's right to file a continuation application including the subject matter covered by these claims. As a result, the only claims remaining in this application are Claims 28-48, the claims indicated to be allowable in the February 9, 2005, Office Action, subject to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. With response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection, enclosed is a terminal disclaimer directed to obviating this rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendment, applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing Claims 28-48 and passing this application to issue is respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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